(c) For setting up of an industry in critical or over-exploited areas, it is mandatory for the industry to seek clearance from the Central Ground Water Authority. Such proposals are evaluated on case-to-case basis based on site-specific availability of ground water. A pre-condition of any permission is the mandatory adoption of rain water harvesting system by the industry/project for ground water recharge.

Rain water harvesting in school buildings

†2955. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any pilot scheme for rain water harvesting in the school buildings situated in rural and remote areas throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of schools included or provided financial aid under this project in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend this project in future, if so, the details thereof and the criteria for selection of implementing agencies thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) During the Fresh Water Year 2003-04, Ministry of Water Resources had taken up an activity namely, "Demonstration of Rain Water Harvesting from Roof Tops and two toilets in Government schools in rural areas in various States through Community Based Organisations (CBOs)".

Based upon the success of the above activity, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been singed by the Ministry of Water Resources with The Global Rainwater Harvesting Collective (GRWHC), Tiionia, District Ajmer, Rajasthan for roof top rain water harvesting project to be implemented during 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 for an amount of Rs. 5.00 crores. GRWHC would cause these amounts utilised by

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Voluntary Agencies (VAs) across the country for collecting rain water from the roofs of remote Government rural schools for drinking and use in two toilets constructed for girls.

(c) The number of schools provided financial aid under this project in the States of Bihar and Himachal Pradesh are 15 and 10 respectively. No school was provided financial assistance under this project in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab.

(d) As of now, there is no such proposal.

Solution of floods and drought

2956. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while some parts of the country is in the grip of severe drought, the other parts faces havoc caused by flood;

(b) if so, the loss suffered on account of flood in different parts of the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government are considering to link various rivers and channelise over flowing rivers to the drought-prone regions of the country, and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No State in the country has so far declared any drought, after the on-set of South West Monsoon during current year. Some parts of the country were however affected by floods.

(b) The details of loss suffered on account of flood in different parts of the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise are enclosed in Statement. (See below)

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Water Resources and Central Water Commission formulated in 1980 a National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from